THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Though the World Bank has not formally suspended disbursements under the ongoing loans to the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) for the National Capital Thermal Power Project (840 MW) (NCTPP), Farakka Super Thermal Power Project Stage II (1000 MW), and the Talcher Super Thermal Power Project (1000 MW), disbursements have not been made after 28-2-94.

The undisbursed amounts under the loans referred to above as well as the loan for NTPC's Power Generation Project which is yet to be made effective is US $ 731 million. The cause of action has basically been NTPC's inability to contain its accounts receivables from purchasers of power to the equivalent of two months' billing as covenanted with the Bank by NTPC. In addition, the tariff for NTPC's gas based power stations and for NCTPP and Unchahar Coal Based Stations had to be notified and bulk power supply agreements (BPSAs) for the remaining Northern region have to be signed by 30-4-94.

(c) Strenuous efforts are being made to demonstrate that NTPC can contain its accounts receivables to the covenanted levels on a sustained basis and these include persuading States to liquidate arrears, fully pay current billing, increase LC coverages etc. BPSAs have been entered into with all the States of the Northern Region. The tariff for NCTPP and Unchahar coal based stations have been notified. The tariff for gas based stations is in an advanced stage of finalisation.

Power Supply to Agricultural Sector

3838. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of days/hours during a month for which power is supplied to the agricultural sector in various States, separately, during the last three years;

(b) frequency of power cut-offs for any reasons, during the same period; and

(c) fluctuations in voltage and incidence of motor burning due to erratic power supply during the same period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) The details of the power supply to Agriculture Sector (Average Number of hours/day) in various States of the country during last three years is given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) As regards frequency of power cuts, and fluctuations in voltage, the regulating of power supply to various categories of consumers is within the jurisdiction of the respective State Government/State Electricity Board.

Statement

Power Supply to Agricultural Sector During Last Three Years

Sl. No.	State	Hours of supply (average/day)		
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1.	Haryana	16	16	11
2.	Punjab	17	16	13
3.	Rajasthan	8	8	8
4.	Uttar Pradesh	13	13	14
5.	Himachal Pradesh	24	24	24
6.	Gujarat	15	19	15
7.	Madhya Pradesh	20	19	20
8.	Maharashtra	24	24	24
9.	Andhra Pradesh	16	16	16
10.	Kerala	23	20	23
11.	Karnataka	18	18	23
12.	Tamil Nadu	14	14	16
13.	Bihar	10	8	10
14.	Orissa	21	18	23
15.	West Bengal	19	20	24